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URGENT 9-10-63 9-45 AM EST SHR

TO DIRECTOR

FROM C. D. DE LOACH - MIAMI

NATIONAL CONVENTION, THE AMERICAN LEGION - National

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS OF ALL COMMISSIONS COMPLETED AND MATTERS  
HANDLED NOW GO TO FLOOR OF MAIN CONVENTION STARTING TODAY.

MANY PROMINENT NEWS MEN, INCLUDING [REDACTED] DAVE  
SENTNER, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ATTENDED SEMINARS OF PUBLIC  
RELATIONS COMMISSION.

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TO RECEIVE FOURTH ESTATE  
AWARDS TODAY. I AM PERSONALLY HANDLING.

AMERICANISM COMMISSION CONSIDERED FOURTEEN RESOLUTIONS  
COMMENDING YOU AND THE BUREAU WHICH WERE CONSOLIDATED INTO ONE  
STRONG RESOLUTION FOR LEADERSHIP IN FIELD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
FIGHT AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME. PRESS RELEASE ISSUED ACCORDINGLY  
BY LEGION.

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STRONG RESOLUTION ALSO PASSED CONDEMNING APPEARANCES OF  
COMMUNISTS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES. THIS RESOLUTION QUOTES YOU  
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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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PAGE TWO

ONE RESOLUTION CONDEMNS PACIFICA FOUNDATION AND ITS RADIO  
STATIONS AND CALLS FOR FCC REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

FBI REPRESENTATIVES DEPARTING MIAMI SEPTEMBER TWELVE NEXT  
FOR RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

DE LOACH

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cc: Mr. Wick

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION,  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA  
9/6-11/63

DATE: September 13, 1963

NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION:*Rebecca Cartha D. DeLoach*

Many prominent newsmen attended the Convention. The majority of these men appeared before National Public Relations Commission and/or panels.

[redacted] Copley Press;  
 [redacted] "This Week" magazine; David Sentner, Hearst Chain;  
 [redacted] prominent NBC commentator; [redacted] Scripps-Howard columnist;  
 and [redacted] Macon Telegraph and News. We extended usual courtesies to these representatives of the news media. Both [redacted] cognizant that Director had arranged for them to receive the Legion's "Fourth Estate Award." Director will receive letters from these men personally expressing their gratitude.  
 [redacted] speech before Convention Commission was highly critical of majority of Government agencies, however, very commendatory of Director and FBI, particularly regarding handling of news inquiries. This Commission met for 2 days, 9/6-7/63 and formal report presented before National Commission assembly. If Director has no objections, I will accept reappointment as National Chairman of this Commission for new Legion year.

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b7CNATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION:

Met for 4 days, 9/6-9/63, and considered total of 145 resolutions. Special Agent Donald G. Hanning was elected Secretary of this Commission. Fourteen resolutions commending Director and FBI were consolidated into one strong resolution. This resolution praised FBI for leadership and work in fight against organized crime (copy attached -- Exhibit I). Press release issued accordingly in Miami through medium of American Legion National Public Relations Commission. Good publicity received indicating Director and FBI recipient of commendatory resolution by American Legion 35th year in succession. Strong resolution passed condemning National Students Association. Another strong resolution passed calling for prayer and bible reading in public school systems. Supreme Court was criticized in this regard. There were nine resolutions critical of the Foreign Policy Association and its "great decisions" program.

Enclosures Sent 9-16-63  
 1 - Mr. Tolson  
 1 - Mr. Jones  
 1 - Mr. D. G. Hanning  
 1 - Mr. Thomas B. Collier

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DeLoach to Mohr 9-13-63

Re: American Legion National Convention

These resolutions were consolidated into one calling for Congressional investigation of this organization. The unanimous resolution was passed condemning appearance of communists on college and university campuses. This resolution quoted the Director twice in reference to the Director's 1963 appropriations testimony. Another resolution severely condemned the Pacifica Foundation and its 3 radio stations. This resolution called for Federal Communications Commission investigation and revocation of license.

The Department of Arizona, The American Legion, had a large booth in Convention Hall lobby containing numerous reprints by the Director on the subject of communism. This booth was prominently visited by numerous Legionnaires. The large sign over the booth read "Fight Communism with FBI and Government Agencies Documented Proof." We received numerous pledges of cooperation from various Legionnaires who attended meetings of the Americanism Commission.

NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER:

The Director has already approved a recommendation that [redacted] [redacted] of Wabasha, Minnesota, the new National Commander, be the speaker at the graduation exercises of the FBI National Academy on 11-6-63. [redacted] had only slight opposition at the Convention. He is cooperative, friendly to the FBI and will be a good speaker. [redacted] received his LL.B. degree from Fordham University. He has law offices in Wabasha and Rochester, Minnesota, and has engaged in numerous civic activities over the years. [redacted]

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MISCELLANEOUS:

While in Miami I visited editors of "The Miami Herald" and the "Miami Daily News." [redacted] of the "Miami Daily News," is currently laid up with minor surgery. The Director's regards were, of course, extended. Opportunity was also afforded to visit a number of commentators and columnists such as [redacted].

[redacted] received the Legion's "Distinguished Service Medal" this year, asked that his best regards be given to the Director and stated that he was looking forward to the Director's speech before the large Catholic youth group when the Director receives their highest medal in November, 1963, at the Waldorf-Astoria. With the Director's approval, I accepted the Legion's honor "Man of the Year" award at a ceremony on Sunday, 9-8-63 at the Fontainebleau Hotel. A visit was made to the Miami Office at which time I met all employees present and made a short talk.

DeLoach to Mohr 9-13-63  
Re: American Legion National Convention

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) SAC Wesley G. Grapp of the Miami Division spent considerable time in assisting us during the Convention. He worked tirelessly and was of great assistance. It is recommended that he be commended by letter from the Director. Suggested letter is attached.

(2) Special Agent Vincent K. Antle assisted us during Commission meetings, met and handled important personalities and was highly praised by the retiring National Commander for his excellent work. Suggested letter to SA Antle attached.

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(3) Special Agents [redacted] Vincent T. K. Stacey, Robert M. MacNamara and [redacted] sacrificed their week end and worked several nights in taking care of necessary responsibilities at Convention. Suggested letter to these Agents attached.

(4) Special Agents Donald G. Hanning and Thomas B. Coll accompanied me to the Convention with the Director's approval. Hanning is a prominent member of the National Americanism Commission and Coll is a Department Vice Commander of the District of Columbia and we are grooming him as next year's Department Commander. They worked constantly to assist me in all responsibilities and it is believed they are deserving of high commendation. Their unselfish efforts and loyalty to the Director and the Bureau were certainly exemplified at this Convention. Suggested letters to SAs Hanning and Coll attached.

*Suggest De Loach be  
commended also.  
J. B. V.*

*Commendation letter to  
De Loach  
9/17/63  
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(5) If the Director approves, SA Hanning will accept appointment with National Americanism Commission and I will continue as National Chairman of the Legion Public Relations Commission for the coming Legion year. It is further recommended that SA Coll be allowed to run for Department Commander of the District of Columbia (he will have no opposition). In this manner, SA Coll will head up the Legion's 13,000 members in the District of Columbia beginning in July, 1964.

*J. B. V. - 3 - D 9/13*

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UNITED STATES GOV

**Memorandum**

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 27, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: DANIEL F. FOLEY

NATIONAL COMMANDER

THE AMERICAN LEGION - National

REQUEST TO MEET THE DIRECTOR

OCTOBER 2, OR OCTOBER 28, 1963

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As you know, Daniel F. Foley was elected National Commander of The American Legion at the recently held National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida. Foley plans to dedicate his entire time and efforts during his year as Commander to the affairs of the Legion, and consequently, already has a very full calendar of meetings, speeches, etc., throughout the country. He will, however, be in and out of Washington frequently. Foley is aware of the fact that past

National Commanders have met with the Director shortly after their election and have profited greatly by the Director's sage advice and counsel. He is most anxious to meet the Director and chat with him at the Director's convenience.

Foley will be in Washington on October 2 next and will be free the entire morning of that date. He will next be in Washington on October 28th and he has no commitments as yet for that time. He would like to come in on either of these dates that is the most convenient for the Director. He would undoubtedly be accompanied by William F. Hauck, Director of the Washington office whom the Director has met on previous visits of National Commanders to his office. There is no derogatory information in Bureau files concerning Foley or Hauck.

BACKGROUND OF FOLEY:B approx 1922BORN:

Foley is a 41-year-old attorney from Wabasha, Minnesota. He was born and raised in Wabasha and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received his LL. B. degree from Fordham University in New York. Foley has worked his way up through the ranks of the Legion, having served in various positions at the post, department and the national level. He is a veteran of World War II who was honorably discharged from the U. S. Army with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He is very active in civic and fraternal affairs, is a member of the American Bar Association and the Knights of Columbus. He is married and has five boys.

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1 - Tour Room

1 - Mr. Jones

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CORRESPONDENCE

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C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr memo  
RE: Daniel F. Foley

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director indicate a time convenient for him to see the new National Commander either on October 2nd sometime before noon, or anytime during the date of October 28th.

*Ok, P.M.* ✓ *confirmed  
Oct 20/63*  
*I will be in W. U. Oct 2.  
I can see him at 10 A.M.  
and 2 P.M.*

*Mr. DeLoach advised.*

*X* *E. E.*  
*Mrs. DeLoach will accompany*  
*you*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: 10/11/63

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THE AMERICAN LEGION

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

10/14-16/63

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*AMERICAN Legion. National*

The National Executive Committee of the American Legion will meet at Indianapolis, Indiana, 10/14-16/63. The State Commanders and Adjutants of 55 states and 16 foreign countries will also meet at the same time. The National Executive Committee meetings will extend on through the 18th; however, it will only be necessary for me to be there on October 14, 15 and the morning of the 16th.

I have been scheduled to speak for 30 minutes before the State Commanders and Adjutants at 2:30 P.M., Monday, 10/14/63. The remainder of that afternoon and 10/15/63 will be taken up in executive meetings of the National Public Relations Commission, of which I am chairman. The agenda and budget for the coming year will be discussed at these meetings. On the morning of 10/16/63 I am to report to the National Executive Committee and also appear before the National Finance Commission for the purpose of justifying the Public Relations Commission budget of \$232,000.

SA Hanning, who is a member of the National Americanism Commission, is scheduled to meet with this commission on 10/14 and 15/63.

If the Director has no objections, I will leave late Sunday night, spend the 14th and 15th and the morning of the 16th in Indianapolis, and return to Washington early in the afternoon of the 16th. Agent Hanning will accompany me so that he can attend the meetings of his commission. You will be back from annual leave by Sunday and Inspector Wick will be on my desk.

## ACTION:

As indicated above, provided the Director has no objections.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 10-17-63

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION - *National*  
AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
10/14 - 16/63

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With the Director's approval, SA Hanning and I attended captioned meetings in Indianapolis, Indiana 10/14 - 16/63. Set forth below are the highlights of our activities in Indianapolis.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION:

The Public Relations Commission, of which I was reappointed as Chairman for the coming Legion year, held meetings on 10-14 and 10-15. During this period the budget of this Commission of \$232,000 was justified and approved before the Finance Commission of the Legion. I also had an opportunity to talk with newly elected Commander Foley who will be one of the speakers at the National Academy exercises on November 6th. We had initially assisted him in writing his speech and I went over it with him while in Indianapolis. He is well pleased with it, is looking forward to the opportunity to appear before the National Academy and we will receive copies of the speech in advance. On Monday, October 14th, an appearance was made before the Department Commanders and Adjutants from 67 departments throughout the United States and foreign countries. I spoke for approximately half an hour briefing them on the activities of the Public Relations Commission over the past year and offered them suggestions as to how they could assist the Commission. A half-hour report on the activities and plans of the Commission was given before the National Executive Committee on Wednesday, October 16th.

## AMERICANISM COMMISSION:

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SA Hanning who is a long-time member of this Commission sat with this Commission during their deliberations October 14th and 15th. Since the National Convention was held just one month ago, the only items of business were resolutions which were deferred from the meetings held during the convention. None of them were of particular interest to the Bureau. One resolution was passed deplored the practice of the United States Department of State inviting communist students to attend our colleges and universities. Hanning will again be appointed as the National Commanders' representative to the Americanism Commission.

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1 - Mr. Jones

1 - Mr. Hanning

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr memo  
Re: MEETINGS OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE:

On Tuesday, October 15th, I took time out of my schedule to attend the Agents' semiannual conference at the Indianapolis Office. A brief 10-minute talk was given to the Agent personnel. We then showed the new 27-minute movie "The FBI." It was very well received.

MISCELLANEOUS:

*Log file*  
As you know, The American Legion is 100 per cent behind the Director and the FBI and many departments put out various types of literature in the anti-subversive field. This is widely distributed at meetings such as those we attended. A good example is the Americanism Report put out by the 2nd District, American Legion Convention, Fairmont, Minnesota, June 10, 1963. A copy of this is attached and you will note that the Director is mentioned at least once on every page of this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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## A Major Problem

Communism was propelled into power in Tsarist Russia by deceit and the slogan, "Peace to huts, war on palaces." This organized atheism nurtured by communication control and augmented by a recognizable pattern of espionage, sabotage, subversion, strikes, economic devices, diplomatic maneuvering, terrorism, fomentation of class, racial and religious tensions, guerilla warfare and small, undeclared wars, continues to march forward.

## Why?

Part of the tragedy lies in the hesitancy to face reality. We seek refuge in a covey of comforting, illusory formulas.

## Here Are A Few Assorted Fallacies

- a) That communism is evolving because it is anti-Nazi, anti-Fascist; etc.
- b) That communism is not international in design because Stalin dissolved the Communist International.
- c) That communism in China is an agrarian democracy.
- d) That Tito represents a national and independent type of communism.
- e) That the death of Stalin would result in committee government, allowing consumer pressures which would in turn force Malenkov to make changes, etc.
- f) That Khrushchev is a great liberalizer and coexist, a likeable, jovial, grandfatherly type.
- g) That Fidel Castro is a Robin Hood, bringing about reform more beneficial to all.
- h) That communism breeds on poverty. (This tragic error has plagued a host of well-meaning but misinformed men and women throughout the world.) Communism, in fact, breeds on discontent and frustrations whose origins commenced in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were in Paradise when they were subverted.
- i) Communism will be halted with continued, lavish expenditures such as Foreign Aid. (A look at any map, by any reasonable mind should provoke serious question on this matter alone.)

## Remedial Action

Communism, a totalitarian system based on the premise that total man is an animal and therefore expendable is entirely false. It is a thoroughly discredited and unworkable ideology. The system, like a virus, is parasitic. It needs a host to survive. It thrives on internal suppression and external aggression.

This monstrous ideology, as described by Dr. Drakeford has five faces:

Deception  
Destruction  
Dictatorship  
Disillusionment  
Death.

Even the communists know this as evidenced by their frequent defection. Therefore, it is our moral responsibility, as free men to resist its blandishments.

Successful resistance to the multiform action of the enemy consists of many things, but a strong conviction concerning the dignity of man, a dynamic devotion to freedom, an appreciation of the fragile nature of freedom and a realization that America is 90% right and the other 10% under construction is basic and essential.

The inherent invincibility of the Western world lies in the tenacious adherence to our spiritual values.

## Examples of Positive Americanism

- 1) Americanism rally held at Tyler, Minnesota headed by Rev. John Ballentine, and fellow Legionnaires, the Auxiliary, Tyler churches and Boy Scouts. Over 250 attended in bitter cold weather.
- 2) Copies of "Masters of Deceit" in paperback editions to all Seniors (101) and their teachers at High school in Redwood Falls, compliments of local American Legion Auxiliary.
- 3) National Flag week June 9th - 15th.

S. Francis Ceplecha, M. D.  
Americanism Chairman  
Second District American Legion  
121 West 4th Street  
Redwood Falls, Minnesota  
June 10, 1963

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## SECOND DISTRICT, AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

Fairmont, Minnesota June 10, 1963



# Americanism Report

### General Introduction

The American Legion is the largest veterans organization in the history of the world. It is not only an organization of good fellows having a great time but the greatest patriotic society ever formed. Since its beginning the American Legion has accepted its responsibility to preserve freedom. The great Legionnaires, both living and dead, have addressed themselves to this responsibility by spending their lives for God and Country and for their community. They have implemented this responsibility designed to keep America free through four basic programs which are:

- Americanism
- Child Welfare
- Rehabilitation
- National Security

### Definition of Americanism

"Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity and brotherhood—the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love-of-soft-living, and the get-rich-quick-theory of life."

—Theodore Roosevelt

In the May issue, 1963, of the American Legion magazine the definition of Americanism was again clarified by our National Commander James E. Powers. The basic ideals of the Legion are expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion. It is printed on every American Legion membership card.

The Americanism Program is divided into four groups of activities:

**First: The Protective Activities.** This is a program of militant and aggressive opposition to all subversive and un-American activities. This is the fighting phase of our Americanism Program. In this phase, we man the ramparts. In this field, we attack.

**Second: Educational Activities.** This is the program to educate all America, both young and old, to appreciate fully the blessings of our land and our free way of life. In this field, we teach.

**Third: Youth Training Activities.** This is the program to inculcate the American principles, justice and freedom, in the hearts and minds of our youth as a basis

for good citizenship. We make use of the activities popular with youth to accomplish this objective. In this field, we build.

**Fourth: Community Service Activity.** This is a program to make every community in America a better neighborhood. In this field, we serve.

### Observations & Recommendations

The National Convention of the American Legion in 1962 and the National Executive Committee (NEC) have adopted resolutions for our guidance. These resolutions have been adopted after much thought and deliberation by dedicated, able Legionnaires. They merit our serious study and support.

The resolutions which are germane to the general area of Americanism and National Survival are here-with listed:

- No. 12. Opposes desecration of U. S. flag by agitators abroad.
- No. 13. Opposes executive clemency for convicted communist Junius Scales.
- No. 25. Urges Constitutional Amendment to guarantee right of public prayer.
- No. 27. Urges halt to postage free flow of communist literature into the U. S.
- No. 31. Reiterates request that Congress investigate American Civil Liberties Union.
- No. 32. Supports House Committee on Un-American Activities.
- No. 33. Asks Congress investigate Foreign Policy Ass'n. and its "Great Decisions" program.
- No. 52. Suggests organizing a group of well-known speakers to counter anti-American propaganda.
- No. 56. Urges vigorous prosecution of communists who are in violation of Sec. 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act.
- No. 74. Supports agencies and Congressional committees that investigate communism.
- No. 91. Protests appearance of speakers of American Nazi Party on college campuses.
- No. 107. Recommends J. Edgar Hoover's book: "A Study of Communism" for school use.
- No. 182. Urges strengthening of the McCarran-Walter Act.

No. 192. Pledges continued American Legion opposition to communism.

No. 307. Rededicates Legion to the basic principles of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

No. 308. Urges full recognition of Oct. 23 as United States Day.

No. 310. Urges defeat of "Anfuso Bill" requiring citizens to register handguns with the FBI; urges repeal of 1938 Federal Firearms Act.

No. 377. Suggests a standard "minimum" loyalty oath for all government operations requiring one.

No. 406. Seeks Congressional investigation of Black Muslim movement.

No. 408. Endorses "The Firing Line," anti-subversive publication of the American Legion.

No. 418. Disapproves flight of U. S. motion picture production abroad, and in particular its use of communists in foreign productions.

No. 419. Pledges continued exposure of the use of identified communists in the U. S. motion pictures.

No. 443. Seeks better facilities for absentee voting by servicemen and gov't. employees on service abroad.

No. 483. Urges that U. S. youth be better educated in the fundamentals of Constitutional government.

No. 485. Endorses the loyalty oath required for gov't. loans under the Nat'l. Defense Education Act.

No. 493. Commends FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover.

No. 560. Urges sterner penalties for peacetime sabotage and treason.

No. 631. Commends Roy Rogers and Dale Evans for more than 5,000 contributions to Rehabilitation Child Welfare and Americanism endeavors of the Legion.

No. 634. Commends joint Legion-National Education Ass'n. committee for its manual "Teaching About Communism."

No. 153. Asks U. S. to be more positive and effective in matters affecting the lives, security, property, and liberty of Americans abroad.

No. 384. Asks that U. S. Policy on communism be tailored to the long range objective of ending the communist threat to the world.

No. 497 Asks President and Congress to review the operations of the State Department in order to keep public confidence in it at a high level.

No. 567. Asks U. S. to reevaluate its whole foreign aid program, and deny any form of U. S. aid to any country unfriendly to the U. S. or which trades with the Communist bloc.

No. 220. Reiterates without qualification American Legion opposition to any weakening or nullifying of the Connally Reservation re: jurisdiction of the World Court over U. S. affairs.

No. 223. Asks a constitutional amendment in line with the main purpose of the original "Bricker Amendment" proposal to prevent international agreements entered into without the advice and consent of the Senate from becoming the supreme law of the land.

No. 573. Reaffirms Legion policy that Status of Forces agreements be modified to extend U. S. constitutional right to members of our Armed Forces and civilians who are placed on duty abroad by the U. S. gov't.

No. 169. Asks that the U. S. seek enforcement of the financial responsibility provisions of the UN charter, in keeping with the opinion of the International Court of Justice, and seek suspension of voting rights of all nations who are delinquent in the UN dues and assessments, as provided in the UN charter.

No. 180. Opposes "general and complete disarmament" as proposed by U. S. representatives to the Geneva Disarmament Conference, and any other form of disarmament which does not provide iron-clad safeguards against its secret abrogation by any signatory.

No. 532. Asks Congress to make a complete and open investigation of the U. S.-UN relations to determine whether it is still in the best interest of the U. S. to remain in the UN.

#### LEG RESOLUTIONS

No. 2. Seeks commemorative postage stamp honoring William James Mayo, M. D. and Charles Horace Mayo, M. D., founders of the Mayo Foundation and Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

No. 20. Asks VA issue Medic-Alert bracelets to veterans whose physical condition requires special attention if involved in accident or other public medical emergency.

No. 22. Opposes federal scholarship loans and grants without a loyalty pledge condition.

No. 35. Condemns American Civil Liberties Union's edited version of the film, "Operation Abolition" as an attempt to discredit and harass the House Committee on Un-American activities.

#### Recommended Reading *An American Challenge*

I encourage all to read the address of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover entitled, "Growing Threat From Crime and Communism." This was delivered before the American Legion National Convention on October 9, 1962.

Mr. Hoover's books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism" make ideal texts and reference books for school use. I urge all Legion Posts to

make these available in their area libraries and schools.

## Growth of Communism

Communism is an atheistic coercive, cohesive culture determined to conquer the world. This world communist movement as we see it today is only 2 years older than the American Legion. Forty seven years ago, there were only 17 communists. They had a small office in an attic in Switzerland; for an arsenal, a dozen pistols. They had no funds, but they did have a diabolical and determined plan to subjugate the world.

Today, this movement controls one third of the world's real estate and more than a billion people live behind the Iron, Bamboo and Sugar Cane Curtains under the most effective tyranny ever imposed upon human beings. For years the communists have been gaining control over people at the average rate of 7,000 per hour. International radio broadcasting of propaganda by communist bloc nations hit a peak of 3,864 hours in 1962, - a five fold increase since 1948. The main targets for radio propaganda in 1962 were the Far East, Africa and Latin America. (Freedom Facts.) In the past decade Khrushchev claims that the party membership in the "capitalist" countries has risen from 785,000 to over 5,000,000.

Following Stalin's death in 1953 the Soviet bloc vastly expanded its' world trade. Bloc exports to the West jumped from 1.6 billion in 1953 to 4.4 billion in 1960. Bloc imports from the West zoomed from 1.4 billion to 4.4 billion. Sixty to ninety percent of the Soviet bloc imports from the West have been metals, metal shapes, transportation equipment, machinery and even complete plants, - all goods designed to boost the Soviet productive capabilities and power. The communists confidently expect to conquer the United States in this generation.

Is this probable? A congressional committee says yes. It is the report of the fact-finding mission conducted by the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee.

This economic report becomes even more serious and meaningful to our survival when coupled with the following military appraisals:

**First** On one hand the Soviets have already demonstrated their monopoly of the 100 megaton bomb, - this in large measure due to our ill advised H-bomb slow down of 1946-50 and the nuclear test suspension of 1958-62.

The Soviets further claim possession of anti-missile missiles and orbital nuclear rockets which can be released "at any point in the satellite trajectory."

**Second** Compare this to the tone of unilateral disarmament of our Secretary of Defense in the quiet implementation of the Rostow Plan, - U. S. State Department Publication 7277 entitled, "Freedom From War" which outlined briefly is:

a) Cancellation of the sky-bolt missile which would enable our planes to bomb enemy territory without flying-over-enemy-soil.

- b) Cancellation of the RS-70 Reconnaissance strike bomber.
- c) Halting production of the B-58 supersonic medium bomber.
- d) Dismantling of our 45 missile bases in Turkey and Italy.
- e) Failure to put the successfully tested Nike-Zeus anti-missile system into production.
- f) Cut-back of the attack submarine program.
- g) Unilateral renunciation of the use of outer space for military purposes.
- h) Reduction of the striking power of the U. S. Strategic Air Command.
- i) For the first time in many years the United States does not have a single bomber under construction.

Concludes the highly respected American Security Council on April 15, "Mr. Robert S. McNamara, during more than two years in office, has not authorized a single new weapon system."

## Communist Speakers On College Campus

In recent months several communist speakers have appeared before student bodies in Minnesota. It is most unfortunate that the citizens of Minnesota are obliged to provide the use and convenience of state facilities for the benefit of communism. The communists are jubilant about the success of their campus speech program. Top communist party officials predicted several months ago that 1000 youths will be recruited for the party by the end of 1962.

Although communist speakers have appeared before student groups from New York to California, they have been stopped in some places. Some Universities simply do not permit this type of deceit under the guise of academic freedom. Recently in Syracuse, New York an alert citizen was able to obtain a court order halting the appearance of a communist speaker on campus. Why do we permit the present situation in Minnesota? In all fairness, when was the American Legion invited to any of our state institutions to present its point of view?

I would recommend that we record our opposition to the misuse of state and public facilities by subversive groups. As J. Edgar Hoover pointed out: "Colleges should bear in mind that communist speakers are not bound by any obligation to tell the truth."

## Sale of Communist Merchandise

During recent months, there has been considerable controversy concerning the sale of merchandise imported from communist countries. Briefly stated, it simply means that some merchants are selling goods made by slave labor. By any standards of decency, this is unjust. In addition, it gives aid and comfort to the enemy of the United States. The mistaken merchants who sell this slave-made merchandise may have a right to do so, but as Americans and Legionnaires we have the right to tell them that we disagree with their policy and we have a privilege to shop elsewhere.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 10/16/63

FROM : J. J. Casper

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL ACADEMY  
FIREARMS PROFICIENCY AWARD  
72nd SESSION, FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

The American Legion Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, in October, 1962, voted to make an award to the FBI National Academy graduate who showed the most proficiency in the use of firearms during each future session of the Academy. The first award to be made was to Lt. [redacted] Corpus Christi, Texas, Police Department, who attended the 71st Session.

The averages have now been compiled for the 72nd Session and the following five men attained the highest average scores during their firearms training at Quantico:

(1) Stanton Duane Knutson -- 96.1  
Chief of Police  
Williston, North Dakota

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(2) [redacted] -- 95.8  
Sergeant  
Alaska State Police

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(3) [redacted] -- 95.4  
Special Agent  
Office of Security  
U. S. Department of State

(4) [redacted] -- 95.2  
Lieutenant, PD  
Evansville, Indiana

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(5) [redacted] -- 93.6  
Lieutenant  
Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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Memo to Mr. Mohr

Re: The American Legion National Academy  
Firearms Proficiency Award, 72nd Session, FBINA

Chief Knutson has been an excellent student during his attendance at the National Academy. He is, perhaps, one of the most conscientious men in the class and has been exemplary in his conduct both in and out of the classroom. As noted by the closeness of the scores of the first four men, competition was keen and yet most friendly. Knutson will be a surprised winner and yet will undoubtedly be very favorably accepted by the class.

It will be recommended that his name be inscribed on the medal and that it be presented to him in the Director's Office on Monday, November 4, 1963, at a time to be designated by the Director. We feel that the firearms award should be presented separate from the John Edgar Hoover Medal for Excellence in the Study of Law Enforcement, and a separate memorandum will be prepared on this award as soon as all examinations have been completed, notebooks and research papers have been graded.

It will be further recommended that appropriate notation be made at the bottom of the page in the program containing the class roster by means of an asterisk to indicate the winner of this award.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the name of Chief Stanton Duane Knutson be inscribed on the firearms award.

*J.W.*

*G.F.P.*

*D.J.T.C.*

2. That the firearms plaque be presented in the Director's Office to Chief Knutson on Monday, November 4, 1963.

*J.W. O.K.*

*D.J.*

3. If approved, that the Director please set a time for this presentation.

*10 a.m. Nov 4*

*H. M. Casper advised 10/17/63 1:30 p.m.*

4. That appropriate notation be made in the graduation program to indicate Knutson is the winner of the award.

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*J.W.*

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*D.J.T.C.*

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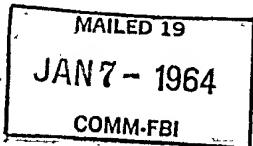
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National Adjutant.  
The American Legion  
National Headquarters  
700 North Penn.  
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I received your letter of December 31st with the enclosed resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Ohio American Legion.

I deeply appreciate the kind remarks concerning the work of this Bureau in the solution of the recent kidnaping of [REDACTED], as well as the expression of confidence. You may be sure that all of us in the FBI derive great encouragement from such outstanding support, and my associates join me in thanking you for your complimentary comments.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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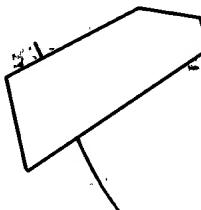
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NOTE: Bureau files contain no derogatory information concerning Blackmore and no prior correspondence with him. The Director autographed a photograph for him on 5-28-57 which he picked up at the Bureau. Deutschle was responsible for an article critical of the Bureau which appeared in the August, 1951, issue of the Ohio State Legionnaire. He apologized for this and our relations with him have been very friendly since that time. Our last outgoing to him was 5/22/62 concerning a tour which was afforded to the American Legion of Ohio essay contest winners. The street address was obtained from the Indianapolis telephone directory.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL ADJUTANT  
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

December 31, 1963

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✓ Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
✓ Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

[redacted] Department Adjutant of The American Legion of Ohio, has forwarded to National Headquarters with a request that it be relayed to you, copy of a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Ohio American Legion. You will note that the resolution commends the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the matter of the recent kidnapping of [redacted]. Coming as it does from a department organization of The American Legion, numbering more than 100,000 members, the resolution is most certainly a significant expression of commendation of the law enforcement work of the Bureau, of which you are Director.

I am happy to forward the resolution, and to add my personal word of appreciation and respect for the wonderful efforts sustained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely,

Attachment  
[redacted] Department Adjutant  
The American Legion of Ohio  
4060 Indianola Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The nation was shocked by the announcement that the son of a well known entertainer had been kidnaped and that a huge ransom was demanded for his safe return; and

WHEREAS: A major concern of The American Legion is the preservation of law and order; and

WHEREAS: The Federal Bureau of Investigation under the able leadership of J. Edgar Hoover promptly entered the investigation, effectively handled all phases of the case and brought about not only the safe return of the kidnaped boy but also the detection and arrest of the apparent offenders and the return of much of the ransom money; now, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That this Executive Committee on behalf of the American Legion of Ohio go on record as expressing its appreciation and commendation to the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the outstanding work performed by it in solving this case and thereby making all Americans more certain that such crimes will not go undetected and unpunished.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 18, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: GORDON W. ROSELEIP  
DARLINGTON, WISCONSIN

① American Legion - National  
Tele. Room -  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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I have received a letter from captioned individual who is a prominent Legionnaire and very friendly disposed toward the Bureau. He is also a State Senator representing the 17th District of Wisconsin. In his letter to me, Roseleip advises that he is being called to Washington for the spring meeting of the American Legion, March 1 - 6, 1964. He states, " I was wondering if it would be possible for you to make an appointment with J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI for a group of us from Wisconsin. I admire this man greatly and think he is one of the greatest Americans we have today. It would be a great privilege if we would be able to visit with him at his convenience any time between the dates of March 1 and 6. "

As he indicates, Roseleip is a great admirer of the Director and the Bureau, and as I have pointed out above, he is very friendly. This request is obviously politically motivated and we would have no idea just who or how many people he would bring with him. Accordingly, I believe that I should acknowledge Roseleip's letter and advise him that unfortunately the Director will be out of town during the period he will be here. I will, of course, see him during Legion meetings and at that time I will offer to arrange a special tour for him and his group.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that I personally acknowledge Roseleip's letter along the lines indicated above.

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
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Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Respectfully referred to

Appointment Secretary  
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover

You can either call our  
office or write us on this.

As you will note from the  
enclosure, we told  
Mr. Merdan that you could  
reply through our office.

Many thanks for your help.

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Personal Secretary to  
Senator William Proxmire

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February 14, 1964

Veterans Service Officer  
Portage County.  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481

Dear [redacted]

REAGAN-BROWN NATIONAL  
RELATIONSHIP CONFERENCE

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Many thanks for your nice letter. I was delighted to hear that you will be in Washington early next month. I'm not sure what my schedule will be from the 1st through the 6th of March, so I suggest you call my office when you arrive. If we can arrange a mutually convenient time to get together I would like to see you. Our telephone number here is: CA 4-3121, Extension 5653, Room 4327, New Senate Office Building.

I will get in touch with Mr. Hoover's office at the F. B. I. Of course I haven't any idea of his schedule for that week, and whether or not it will be possible for him to see you. I will ask Mr. Hoover to reply to your request through my office so that I can give you this information when you call me on your arrival.

Looking forward to hearing from you in March.

Sincerely,

William Proxmire, U.S.S.

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# Portage County Veterans Service Office

[redacted]  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481

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February 12, 1964

Honorable William Proxmire  
United States Senator  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Honorable Proxmire:

I will be attending the American Legion National Rehabilitation Conference in Washington, D. C. from March 1 through March 6.

While in Washington I would consider it a privilege to meet with you.

I do have one request to make of you. If it is possible, I would like to meet the Director of the F.B.I.

I thank you for your kind and considerate service to this office at all times.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

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UNITED STATES

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 4/21/64

FROM : J. J. Casper

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION

FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY 73<sup>rd</sup> FBI NA.

FIREARMS PROFICIENCY AWARD

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Mohr ✓  
Sasser ✓  
Callahan ✓  
Conrad ✓  
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*Director*

*American Legion National*

The Director authorized the presentation of captioned award to the FBI National Academy student who achieved the highest average score on the weapons used during the course of the week of firearms training at Quantico. This award was first presented to a graduate of the 71st Session in June, 1963.

Members of the 73rd Session completed their firearms training last week, and the scores have been compiled. We have an unequivocal tie for first place between Sheriff William N. Baker, Lemhi County Sheriff's Office, Salmon, Idaho, and Detective Sergeant Nolen W. Freeman, Lexington, Kentucky, Police Department, who both averaged 95.8%. Their scores were as follows:

	Baker	Freeman
Hip Shooting	98	100
Double-Action Course	100	100
Shotgun #1	100	100
Shotgun #2 (Skeet)	80	80
Shotgun #3 (Rifled Slug)	100	100
Practical Pistol Course (Single Action)	95	92
Practical Pistol Course (Double Action)	90	91
Thompson Submachine Gun	100	100
Exertion Course	100	100

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J. J. Casper to Mr. Mohr Memorandum  
Re: AMERICAN LEGION FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY  
FIREARMS PROFICIENCY AWARD

Training Division feels there should be only one medal presented and since the award is exclusively for firearms proficiency, it is recommended that a runoff be held wherein these two men will be required to fire one round of skeet with the shotgun and one round on the Practical Pistol Course (Single Action) with scores figured to the nearest tenth of a point to determine the winner.

In the past the class has not known the winner of the award until the Director has presented the award on Monday before graduation in the Director's Office. There was an unusual amount of interest in the firearms competition for the medal this time, and Freeman and Baker both know by keeping their own scores that they have the same average, although they are not completely certain that this average was the highest score.

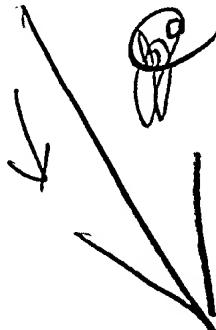
On 5/5/64, the class will travel to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for a demonstration by the U. S. Army on Mob and Riot Control Procedures. The major portion of the demonstration and resultant viewing of equipment will be over by 2:00 p.m. In the past Army officials have provided a tour of the Engineering Laboratories at Belvoir to acquaint the class with training and teaching methods used in instructing engineering officers. We can forego this tour and bus the entire class to Quantico within an hour. The firearms competition would be over no later than 4:00 p.m. and the class would be back in Washington by 5:00 p.m.

In view of the tremendous interest that this would stimulate with this class, we recommend that a "shoot-off" be held between these two men and that the entire class be allowed to witness the competition.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Freeman and Baker fire one round of skeet and one Practical Pistol Course (Single Action) to determine which of them should receive the National Academy Firearms Proficiency Award.

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J. J. Casper to Mr. Mohr Memorandum  
Re: AMERICAN LEGION FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY  
FIREARMS PROFICIENCY AWARD

2. If approved, that the entire class be allowed to witness this competition on 5/5/64 at Quantico, after the Mob and Riot Control demonstration at Fort Belvoir.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: Crime Records  
JCM FROM : Legat, Rome Division

DATE: June 3, 1964

SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION —  
AMERICAN EMBASSY, ROME

June 1, 1964

During the weekly staff meeting held at the American Embassy, Rome, on June 1, 1964, each of the officials present, including the Legal Attache, was called upon by the Ambassador to give a very brief summation setting forth the nature of the work performed by that individual. The Ambassador noted that this brief summation was for the benefit of the six members of a Special American Legion Committee made up as follows:

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[redacted] Chairman (former National Commander)  
[redacted] (also Vice Chairman of Foreign Relations Commission)  
JOHN E. DAVIS (former Governor of North Dakota)  
[redacted] (also Chairman of Military Affairs Commission)  
[redacted], Director of Research, Tour Director for American Legion Military and Diplomatic Tour

It was noted that the participation of the Special Committee at the staff meeting resulted from an invitation extended by Secretary of State DEAN RUSK to the American Legion to visit the State Department, including field posts, for the purpose of enabling the Legion and the State Department to become better acquainted. The Special Committee visited the State Department from January 13-15, 1964. Following a tour of U. S. military facilities in the Far East, the Committee is now visiting several State Department posts while enroute back to the U.S. It was noted that the members of the Special Committee have been cleared for access to classified information up through Top Secret.

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During the staff meeting the Legal Attache delivered a very brief outline on the work of the Legal Attache's office.

Subsequently, at the invitation of [redacted] [redacted] Counsellor for Administration, the Legal Attache accompanied [redacted] and [redacted] mentioned above, to lunch. During the lunch no matters concerning the Bureau's work were discussed. [redacted] stated that he was stationed with American Legion Headquarters in Washington, D. C. and was personally acquainted with CARTHA D. DE LOACH, Assistant Director.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6-8-64

FROM : Legat, Paris (80-119) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DANIEL E. FOLEY  
NATIONAL COMMANDER  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Re Bureau airtel 4-23-64.

This is to advise that Mr. FOLEY and his party were personally met on their arrival in Paris at Le Bourget Airport on 6-5-64. They were assisted in getting to the Hotel George V and with various arrangements, such as reservations for tours, shopping, etc. They were also assisted in connection with their departure from Paris on 6-7-64. I personally accompanied them to Orly Airport and assisted them with details. They were most appreciative of the assistance rendered.

Their itinerary has been changed. They do not plan to visit London on 6-13-64. They will arrive in Rome as per schedule, 6-9-64, leaving Rome 6-11-64. They will then proceed to Athens and Tel Aviv. They will depart Tel Aviv via TWA flight 841 on 6-15-64, proceeding directly to the United States.

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UNITED STATES

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 14, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION

*PP* DALLAS, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 18 - 24, 1964

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The American Legion National Convention will begin formal sessions in Dallas, Texas, on September 21, 1964. The various committees and commissions will commence activities three days prior to the formal sessions of the commission on September 18, 1964.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION:

This Commission, of which I am Chairman, begins its activities at 9:30 a.m., 9-18-64. Two days of sessions are planned prior to the formal opening of the Convention 9-21-64. Nine prominent reporters, publishers and commentators have accepted invitations to appear and speak before this Commission. In addition, this Commission will control all press releases and all public relations activities emanating from the Convention. Among those appearing will be [REDACTED] Copley Press, [REDACTED] National Broadcasting Company and [REDACTED] the Chicago Tribune. This Commission will hold a reception for all press representatives attending The American Legion Convention on Friday afternoon, 9-18-64.

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## NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION:

This Commission, of which Special Agent Donald G. Hanning of the Crime Records Division is a senior member and serves as Secretary of the Counter Subversive Activities Section, starts its meetings on 9-17-64 and continues until the evening of 9-19-64. The 55 Legion Departments throughout the United States plus the 17 foreign departments have passed 158 resolutions at their annual state conventions and have forwarded these resolutions for consideration at the National Convention. These resolutions include 2 on the Warren Commission, 2 concerning the civil rights act, 4 regarding the Goleniewski case, 2 concerning the American Civil Liberties Union, 7 concerning the Supreme Court, 3 concerning the Foreign Policy Association and 1 outlawing the Communist Party. These concern just some of the topics covered by the 158 resolutions. We completely control these resolutions on a strict off-the-record basis. We are in a position to either quash a resolution or have one passed, if deemed necessary in the best interest of the FBI. Our influence in this regard is handled in a very discreet manner and not in any way that can embarrass the FBI.

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Jones

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DeLoach to Mohr 9-14-64  
Re: American Legion National Convention  
Dallas, Texas, 9/18-24/64

There are 6 resolutions commending the Director and the FBI which will be carefully condensed into 1 strong overall resolution and we will see to it that it is passed successfully. A press release will be issued by the National Public Relations Commission just as soon as this resolution is passed in formal Convention session.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AMERICAN LEGION:

Special Agent Thomas B. Coll has been placed in the position of Department Commander of the District of Columbia. He is filling this position very admirably and is fully acquainted with the FBI's liaison program with The American Legion. He is scheduled to lead the District of Columbia delegation in the Annual Convention Parade which will last approximately 8 hours. Special Agent Coll's expenses will be defrayed by the District of Columbia American Legion.

SPEECHES AT CONVENTION:

The President telephonically indicated on Saturday, 9-12-64, that he had definitely decided he would not appear in Dallas, Texas, as a keynote speaker at the Convention. He inquired as to whom the Legion would like to have in his place. He stated he would send either Senator Humphrey or Secretary McNamara. I told the President that it would seem far better for him to send Secretary McNamara inasmuch as Humphrey, as a member of the Americans for Democratic Action and a strong liberal, would not be too welcome in Dallas. The President agreed and is sending Secretary McNamara.

The Republican presidential nominee, Senator Goldwater, will appear on 9-23-64 before the Convention.

ACTION:

Permission is requested to fly to Dallas on the night of Wednesday, 9-16-64, accompanied by SA Hanning and SA Coll to attend this Convention and handle responsibilities as outlined above. We will not wait for the conclusion of the Convention inasmuch as it is believed we can return to Washington by Wednesday night, 9-23-64.

OK ✓ OK ✓ P

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CARTHA D. DE LOACH

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Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION; DALLAS, TEXAS.

CONVENTION PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. [REDACTED] AND OTHER  
PROMINENT NEWS GUESTS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF FBI ASSISTANCE. [REDACTED]  
AT WHITE HOUSE CALLED THREE TIMES, ASKING FOR HELP IN REARRANGING  
PROGRAM TO ASSIST SECRETARY MC NAMARA. THESE REQUESTS HANDLED  
WITH DISPATCH.

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ALL RESOLUTIONS HAVING SOME CONNECTION WITH FBI HAVE PASSED  
SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH COMMITTEES, AND WILL COME OUT ON CONVENTION  
FLOOR, SEPTEMBER TWENTY THREE. PRESS RELEASE HAS BEEN PREPARED AND  
WILL BE ISSUED BY NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION COMMENDING  
DIRECTOR AND FBI.

ELECTION OF DON JOHNSON OF IOWA AS NATIONAL COMMANDER  
ASSURED. HE IS CLOSE FRIEND AND ARDENT SUPPORTER OF FBI.

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## *Memorandum*

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 9/15/64

FROM : J. J. Casper

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL ACADEMY  
FIREARMS PROFICIENCY AWARD  
74th SESSION. FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

As a result of the firearms training held for the 74th Session of the FBI National Academy, it has been determined that Detective [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, PD achieved the highest average of all his firearms scores which was 95.4%. His closest competitor was Lieutenant [REDACTED] Jefferson County b6 Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, with 95.1%.

[redacted] has been a most attentive student while at the National Academy. At age 29, he is one of the younger members of this class and has 7 years' experience in law enforcement. His progress in law enforcement was considered outstanding by SAC Teague and he is following in the footsteps of his father who retired as [redacted] [redacted] for the Oklahoma City PD. He won the award based on his consistency with all weapons and is a deserving winner.

It will be recommended that [redacted] name be inscribed on the award and that it be presented to him in the Director's Office on Monday, October 19, 1964, at a time to be designated by the Director. We feel that the firearms award should be presented separately from the John Edgar Hoover Medal, which is awarded for excellence in the study of law enforcement, and a separate memorandum will be prepared on this award as soon as all examinations have been completed, notebooks and research papers have been graded.

It will be further recommended that an appropriate notation be made at the bottom of the page in the program containing the class roster by means of an asterisk to indicate [ ] as winner of this award.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the name of Detective Date [REDACTED] be inscribed on the firearms award.

NOT RECORDED

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Telephone Room

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Memo Casper to Mohr  
re: American Legion National Academy  
Firearms Proficiency Award  
74th Session, FBI National Academy

RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D:

2. That the firearms plaque be presented in the Director's Office to Detective [redacted] on Monday, October 19, 1964.

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3. If approved, that the Director please set a time for this presentation.

~~at 10 a.m.~~  
~~Oct 19.~~

4. That appropriate notation be made in the graduation program to indicate Harbolt is winner of this award.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 24, 1964.

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
9/16/64 - 9/23/64

*PMB*

*m. A. J.W.D.*

*points Smith*

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## NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION:

Speakers [redacted]

Chicago Tribune [redacted]

Copley Press; General Dwight Allison, Hearst Newspapers;  
and [redacted] Vice President in Charge of Public Relations, Mutual of Omaha.  
These individuals were extended courtesies by the FBI and were very appreciative. The Legion's Public Relations program for 1963-64 year was well within budget requirements and all projects were handled satisfactorily. Press, television and radio handling at the convention achieved above average results. A warm reception was given the release regarding the Resolution on the Director and the FBI (copy attached). Twenty-eight members of the Public Relations Commission, consisting of newspaper, radio, television and various personalities in industry, attended the Public Relations Commission meetings and the convention. All were assigned specific duties in connection with the convention.

*S. Tolson*

## NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION:

Met for four days, 9/17-21/64, and considered a total of 163 resolutions--the most ever to come before the National Convention. Nine resolutions commending the Director and the FBI were consolidated into one strong resolution. This resolution commended the Director for 40 years of service in guarding our Nation against criminal and subversive elements and recognized President Johnson's suspension of the Director's retirement. The resolution further stated that "Mr. Hoover has strongly and successfully resisted any efforts to redirect the legislated responsibilities of his organization, always being dutifully alert to both internal security and criminal investigative duties." Another resolution was also adopted urging all Legion Posts to obtain and distribute the Director's pamphlet, "What Young People Should Know About Communism." Numerous resolutions were passed criticizing the Supreme Court, particularly in regard to procommunist decisions and school prayer. The American Civil Liberties Union and The Foreign Policy Association were also the subject matter

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1 - Mr. Tolson

1 - Mr. Jones

1 - Mr. D. G. Hanning

1 - Mr. Thomas B. Col

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DeLoach to Mohr Memo, 9/24/64

RE: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION  
DALLAS, TEXAS

of critical resolutions. Other resolutions were passed criticizing the appearance of communists on college campuses.

NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER:

Texas

[redacted] West Branch, Iowa. Married has nine children. Very pro FBI. Takes advice well and is impressive in speeches. He can be depended upon. Has asked me to continue as National Chairman of Public Relations Committee and to be member of his thirteen-man Advisory Council. Special Agent Hanning to continue on Americanism Commission. Commander [redacted] would appreciate opportunity to meet Director in near future.

MISCELLANEOUS:

[redacted] telephonically requested that we have a resolution passed before the Convention commending Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Mann in connection with his work with the Organization of American States. [redacted] stated that the President felt that Mann should be given some encouragement in the handling of his responsibilities. He stated that Mann had a number of enemies within the Department of State and that a strong stand taken by the Legion to commend Mann would greatly help him out. I told [redacted] we would try to have this done.

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I visited the Dallas Office at 8:00 a.m., 9/18/64, and talked to a conference of all Headquarters City Agents and clerical employees. The talk and question-and-answer period lasted for approximately 45 minutes. Special reserved tickets to the Legion Parade, Drum and Bugle Corps contest and other Legion activities were made available to our employees on a free basis.

I made it a point to meet several SAC Contacts including [redacted] Manager of the Adolphus Hotel; Federal Judge Estes; and R. L. Thornton, Executive Vice President of the Mercantile Bank in Dallas. These gentlemen prove to be solid contacts of the SAC type. They are sincere friends.

We received a number of calls from [redacted] at the White House during our stay in Dallas. On 9/21/64 [redacted] called and stated that the President thought it would be a good idea to have Governor John Connally introduce Secretary of Defense McNamara rather than the National Commander handling this introduction. [redacted] stated if we could discreetly handle this matter the President felt that he would get greater impact from the audience. The Legion Convention schedule was rearranged

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DeLoach to Mohr Memo, 9/24/64

RE: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION.  
DALLAS, TEXAS

accordingly. I rewrote the National Commander's introduction of McNamara so that Governor Connally would handle the introduction. A luncheon was also arranged for both Goldwater and McNamara at the Convention. Governor Connally attended this luncheon and there was an opportunity to talk to him extensively at that time. He asked that I specifically inform the Director of his high regard and stated that he was available to be of assistance to the Director and the FBI at any time. Connally seems to have recovered very well from the incident on 11/22/63. He made a great impression upon the Legion audience.

MC NAMARA AND GOLDWATER SPEECHES:

Secretary of Defense McNamara spoke on 9/22/64. He made a coldly analytical speech. He is not a good speaker. He is very precise and clipped in his delivery. The Legion audience appreciated the statistics regarding defense given by McNamara, however, there were too many statistics and no sentimentality whatsoever regarding patriotism or morality in his speech. Senator Goldwater spoke on 9/23/64. His speech was specifically designed for a Legion audience, i.e., it was written to appeal to an extremely patriotic group. It was delivered in a better style than McNamara's, however, Goldwater spoke in generalities, used shop-worn old cliches and phrases and had nothing specific to say. He did receive an enthusiastic response from the Legion audience. The auditorium, however, was not packed for either McNamara or Goldwater. Each time the Director has spoken to the Legion audience we have had standing room only. This was not true in the case of McNamara and Goldwater.

There were plenty of the lunatic fringe on hand on 9/23/64 at the time of the Goldwater speech. General Walker was very much in evidence as were numerous crackpots on the outside of the auditorium, giving out pamphlets, cards, and other literature tying President Johnson in to matters of corruption and double dealing in office.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Special Agents Donald G. Hanning and Thomas B. Coll accompanied me to the Convention with the Director's approval. Hanning is a prominent member of the National Americanism Commission and served as Executive Secretary to this Commission. He worked up into the night on three different occasions in order to handle his responsibilities. He also assisted me in handling distinguished personalities

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RE: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

RECOMMENDATIONS Con't.:

as well as numerous other responsibilities during the Convention. It is suggested that he be commended. Special Agent Coll is the Department Commander of the District of Columbia Legion. He heads up a body of 14,000 Legionnaires. In addition to leading the Legion Parade, he also assisted me greatly in handling various newspapermen, carrying out duties in the National Public Relations Commission and was of tremendous assistance during the Convention. It is suggested he also be commended. (Suggested letters are attached.)

(2) SAC J. Gordon Shanklin of the Dallas Division spent as much time as possible in assisting us during the Convention. He worked tirelessly despite the burdens upon him as SAC. It is suggested that he be commended. (Suggested letter is attached.)

(3) Special Agents Vincent E. J. Drain and Will Hayden Griffin spent considerable overtime in assisting us with various newspaper personalities as well as running errands and handling many responsibilities in connection with the Convention. Both of these men have a large number of well-known contacts in Dallas, Texas. They are highly regarded by the community. Their knowledge of Dallas and its people made our work much easier. These men worked unselfishly to add to the Bureau's prestige and reputation. They are obviously dedicated Agents and it is felt that they should be commended. (Suggested letters attached.)

(4) That the new National Commander Donald E. Johnson be added to the Special Correspondents' List. There is nothing in Bureau files to preclude this.

*Suggest DeLoach be  
commended also* ✓ *OK H*  
*1/25 9/24*  
*Letter returned on*  
*9/25 DMR*

RESOLUTION

Commend and Support The Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership for 40 years, J. Edgar Hoover as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has maintained a constant vigilance to guarantee our independence and combat crime in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In many past resolutions we have expressed our thanks and appreciation for the continued service and devotion of Mr. Hoover to the security of our great country; and

WHEREAS, No individual American has been more devoted to combating Communism, and safeguarding our country against its deadly enemies than Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and the F. B. I.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoover has strongly and successfully resisted any efforts to redirect the legislated responsibilities of his organization, always being dutifully alert to both internal security and criminal investigative duties; and

WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson has suspended  
the retirement of J. Edgar Hoover as Director of the Federal Bureau  
of Investigation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The  
American Legion in National Convention assembled in Dallas, Texas,  
September 22-24, 1964, that we express our sincere appreciation  
to J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and  
reaffirm resolution No. 247, adopted at the 1963 National Convention.

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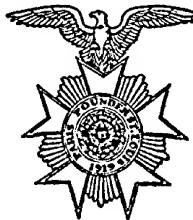
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For God and Country, and a Strong National Defense

July 12, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Justice Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At the 45th anniversary of  
the Founding of The American Legion in  
St. Louis, Mo., recently, the national  
officers and the members present  
all endorsed your activities, and you  
personally as a great American.

The attached program with  
the autographs of these Founders of The  
American Legion in 1919, through the  
national president Colonel Alvin Owsley,  
(immediate past national president,) and  
Senator John J. Wicker, Jr., national president,  
asked this writer to present to you the  
program herewith.

With great respect and personal high regard, I am

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25 OCT 18 1964.

Most sincerely,

George H. Maines,  
National Historian,  
Society of American Legion Founders, Ltd.

CORRESPONDENCE

temporary address 2409 Richmond Highway,  
Alexandria, Va.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

DATE: October 12, 1964

SUBJECT: MEETINGS  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION - *National*

The National Executive Committee of The American Legion is required to meet 45 days following the National Convention in order to form plans, budgetary and otherwise, for the new Legion year. While the meeting call comes at a bad time for me, it is necessary that contacts be kept up and that all matters pertaining to my Chairmanship of the Legion's National Public Relations Commission be administered properly.

*m3* Briefly, National Commander Donald F. Johnson, who is a prominent businessman in Iowa, is having his "Homecoming" on Saturday, 10/17/64, in West Branch, Iowa, the home of the Herbert Hoover Library. He asked me to attend this and to travel out to West Branch with Senator Bourke Hickenlooper, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee. Senator Hickenlooper and I both have been scheduled to make speeches at the National Commander's "Homecoming" in West Branch on Saturday, 10/17/64.

After the Commander's "Homecoming" on 10/17/64, a chartered plane is to take the National Commander and his 14-man Advisory Committee from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Indianapolis, Indiana, at which time the Advisory Committee will meet all day Sunday. The National Executive Committee will convene on Monday morning, 10/19/64, and adjourn 10/20/64, Tuesday evening.

While I regret having to do this, I would appreciate having permission to depart Washington on Friday night after work, 10/16/64, make a speech the following day, 10/17/64, in West Branch, Iowa, and then travel to Indianapolis for the Legion meeting. This will necessitate my being away from the office over the week end and Monday and Tuesday of the following week. I will return to Washington late Tuesday night and be in the office Wednesday morning, 10/21/64.

ACTION:



If the Director has no objections, I will carry out the above plans.

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1 - Mr. Jones

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ENCLOSURE

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL COMMANDER  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206

September 29, 1964

Mr. Daniel F. Foley  
Past National Commander  
The American Legion  
P. O. Box 228  
Wabasha, Minnesota 55981

Dear Dan:

It is my desire that the following serve as members of the National Commander's Advisory Committee during my term of office:

Daniel F. Foley, Chairman, Minnesota  
James E. Powers, Vice Chairman, Georgia  
Churchill T. Williams, Iowa  
Ward Loftus, Iowa  
E. Meade Wilson, Florida  
Harold Redden, Massachusetts  
William G. McKinley, New Jersey  
E. Roy Stone, Jr., South Carolina  
L. Eldon James, Virginia  
C. D. DeLoach, Washington, D. C. ← THIS COPY FOR →  
Walton D. Griffin, Tennessee

Ex-Officio Members

James P. Ringley, Illinois  
Maurice Stember, New York  
John J. Flynn, California

The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet at National Headquarters in Indianapolis at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18. By copy of this letter, I am asking each member to consider it a personal notification of his appointment and authorization to be in attendance at the meeting. The authorized period of each member in Indianapolis will extend to cover the dates of October 18 through 22, inclusive.

I hope that each of those designated will do me the honor of serving on this important committee.

Sincerely yours,

*Dan*

DONALD E. JOHNSON  
National Commander

cc: Robert R. Fleming, Comptroller

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HONORABLE DONALD E. JOHNSON  
NATIONAL COMMANDER  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
WEST BRANCH, IOWA

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND MY SINCERE  
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU PERSONALLY ON THIS MEMORABLE DAY.  
I AM SURE THE AMERICAN LEGION, UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE, WILL  
HAVE AN OUTSTANDING YEAR OF CONTINUED, DEDICATED SERVICE  
TO OUR GREAT NATION.

John Edgar Hoover, Director  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NOTE: On an annual basis The American Legion honors its new  
National Commander with a "Homecoming" day in his home town.  
This is usually a huge celebration with local and national dignitaries  
in attendance. Commander Johnson's "Homecoming" will be  
celebrated in his home town of West Branch, Iowa, on Saturday,  
October 17th.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Casper

FROM : S.H. L. Sloan

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION  
FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY  
FIREARMS PROFICIENCY AWARD

DATE: September 1, 1964

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The 74th session of the National Academy completed firearms training at Quantico August 28, 1964. The scores have been tabulated and the top ten shooters in the class and their averages are as follows:

1	[Redacted]	95.4
2	[Redacted]	95.1
3	[Redacted]	94.3
4	[Redacted]	94.1
5	[Redacted]	94.0
6	[Redacted]	93.9
7	[Redacted]	93.7
8	[Redacted]	93.4
8	[Redacted]	93.4
10	[Redacted]	93.2

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You will note that [ ] and [ ] tied for eighth place. Detective [ ] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Police Department achieved the highest average score and is therefore eligible to receive the American Legion, FBI National Academy Firearms Proficiency Award. Enclosed are the individual record scores and averages for each class member. For your information, the over all class average was 82.6.

## RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Cotter for appropriate action.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Cotter

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach  
*RA*

DATE: 10-22-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMISSION MEETINGS  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
OCTOBER 19-20, 1964

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*W.C.H.* *10/22/64* *10/22/64*  
*DELAUGH*

*SA Hanning*  
*RE*

SA Hanning attended captioned meetings and deliberated with the National Americanism Commission, of which he is a member. Twenty-seven resolutions deferred from the National Convention in Dallas last month were considered. The following were of interest to the Bureau.

Four resolutions dealt with The [redacted] case and called for Congressional investigation of [redacted] charges that all branches of the Government with the exception of the FBI have been penetrated by Soviet intelligence. On [redacted] confidential recommendation these four resolutions were rejected. [redacted] defected to the West [redacted]. The Bureau has interviewed him on many occasions and found his charges baseless.

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Four other resolutions dealt with the Warren Commission and demanded the full facts of President Kennedy's assassination be released to the public by the Commission. These resolutions also had come before the National Convention in Dallas and we were able to have them deferred to the current meeting. They were rejected as their purpose had already been accomplished by the release of the Warren Report.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Numerous prominent Legionnaires including two former National Commanders expressed to Hanning their indignation at the Warren Report's criticism of the Bureau. The consensus of opinion was that it was strictly "Monday morning quarterbacking." In Legion circles the Bureau has lost no prestige whatsoever because of it.

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Newly elected National Commander Donald E. Johnson of West Branch, Iowa, was most complimentary in his comments concerning the Director and the Bureau and the cooperation he has received. He was most appreciative of the Director allowing

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen *OCT 28 1964*  
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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo, 10-21-64  
RE: National Executive Commission Meetings

you to serve on his 13-man Advisory Board. He indicated he hoped to have the privilege of paying an official visit to the Director on his first trip to Washington in the near future to convey his respects and express his appreciation.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

*John* -  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: October 27, 1964

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ~~DDO~~ DONALD E. JOHNSON  
NATIONAL COMMANDER  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
REQUEST TO MEET THE DIRECTOR

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Don Johnson, the new National Commander of The American Legion, has asked to meet with the Director and briefly pay his respects on Tuesday, 11-10-64. Anytime during that day will be satisfactory with Johnson.

Johnson is thoroughly cooperative, idolizes the Director and will do anything we ask. He has a successful background as a businessman in West Branch, Iowa. He was regarded as a personal friend by the late Herbert Hoover. He has been responsible for many activities in connection with the Herbert Hoover Library at West Branch, Iowa. Johnson is married, has 9 children and there is no derogatory information in Bureau files on him.

Johnson principally wants to ask the Director to be the Keynote Speaker at the Portland, Oregon, National Convention in September, 1965. He secondly wants to ask the Director's opinion as to giving the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion's highest award, to the late Herbert Hoover, posthumously; Mr. Herbert Hoover to be represented by either of his two sons.

## ACTION:

I would appreciate it if the Director could briefly greet Don Johnson, the new National Commander, at any time convenient to the Director on 11-10-64.

1 - Miss Gandy

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1 - Mr. Jones

1 - Mr. Morrell

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THE NATIONAL COMMANDER  
INDIANAPOLIS

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Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

November 5, 1964  
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*Mr. DeLoach Agre*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

This is the first opportunity I have had to write and thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a telegram message of congratulations on the occasion of my homecoming. Your kind remarks are truly appreciated.

I have long been aware of the fine spirit of cooperation which exists between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and The American Legion. You may be assured that this fine relationship will continue during my administration.

*National*  
I remain

Again with my deep appreciation and very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Donald E. Johnson*  
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*CORRESPONDENCE*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND  
DREW PEARSON  
NOVEMBER 3, 1964

DATE: November 3, 1964

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## BACKGROUND:

Drew Pearson, in his captioned column of November 3, 1964, made reference to a survey by The American Legion of the State Department's operations. The gist of Pearson's conclusions was that The American Legion survey had given the State Department a clean bill of health.

In regard to this column, the Director asked, "When did the Legion do this?"

## THE AMERICAN LEGION SURVEY:

To understand the background of this matter it is necessary to briefly touch on The American Legion "politics." During the 1962-63 American Legion year, James E. Powers of Macon, Georgia, was National Commander. Dean Rusk of the State Department is, of course, a native of Georgia and was well known to Powers. Powers, prior to becoming National Commander of The American Legion, had never held anything but a menial \$6,000 a year job in the State of Georgia.

During his year as National Commander, he played up to Secretary of State Dean Rusk as much as possible ostensibly to try and get himself a soft job in the State Department through Rusk after his term of office as National Commander expired. Towards this end, Powers invited Secretary of State Dean Rusk to be the guest speaker at the National Commander's banquet at the National Convention in Miami, Florida, in September, 1963. Rusk's talk was strictly a defense of the State Department's policies and he publicly invited the Legion to come in and he would open the books to them completely for them to make an on-the-spot survey of the State Department.

I was personally very strongly against any such survey and so indicated to the National Commander as I realized such a survey could be nothing more than a whitewash. However, Powers fell into the trap and appointed a special committee to conduct this survey. I am fully convinced that State Department officials only allowed this group

1 - Miss Gandy ENCL. SURE

1 - [redacted]

1 - Mr. Jones

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RE: DREW PEARSON, 11/3/64

to see what they wanted them to see and kept the more important matters under the rug. I further feel that this survey will do great harm to The American Legion because the Legion as a whole has long been a vociferous foe of the State Department's vacillating policies, their softness towards communism and their entrenchment of pinkos and fuzzy thinkers. I feel that the rank and file of The American Legion will object strenuously to this report and will make a major issue out of it in future Legion deliberations.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For the Director's information.

*The report is very critical in parts.*

*Mur* *[Signature]*

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## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

# Background Ties 2 Magazines

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By Drew Pearson

The magazine "Human Events" now being used in political ads in Kansas's second Congressional district has a significant right-wing background.

It was founded by Gen. Robert E. Wood when he was president of America First and by the late Frank Hanighen, long Pearson a champion of right-wing causes.

The most interesting fact about Human Events is its close alliance with the John Birch Society. Robert Welch, the Society's founder, stated that the John Birch Society "feels that we complement each other."

Carrying out this alliance, the John Birch Society's magazine "American Opinion" has joined with Human Events in securing joint subscriptions. You can not only subscribe to Human Events and get the John Birch publication, but you can also get Glenn Martz's rabid "Washington Newsbeat" with the joint subscription rate.

Among the backers of Human Events have been Walter Harnischfeger of Wisconsin, No. 1 backer of Joe McCarthy; H. L. Hunt, the big Texas oil-

man; Admiral Ben Moreell, a sparkplug of various right-wing groups; J. Howard Pew of the Sun Oil Company.

Among the listed contributors to Human Events are Westbrook Pegler, Fulton Lewis Jr., Jack Kilpatrick, right-wing editor of the Richmond News Leader.

No. 1 darling of Human Events has been Sen. Strom Thurmond; the South Carolinian who recently bolted the Democratic Party in favor of Sen. Goldwater; John Rousset, the former Congressman who is now serving as secretary general of the John Birch Society in the Far West; and Texas Republican Congressman Bruce Alger.

Human Events has recently attacked John Montgomery, publisher of the Junction City Union, now running for Congress in Kansas's second district.

### State Dept. "Risks"?

Traveling around the United States during the current election campaign, one of the most frequent questions I was asked was whether the State Department was loaded with security risks. Obviously, right-wing propaganda aimed at the State Department had sunk home.

It so happens that I covered the State Department as a young newsman when I first came to Washington, and I have kept in fairly close touch

with its officials ever since, guards hanging around the walls and corridors as does many parts of the world.

I have frequently criticized the State Department for bad judgment but I have never found its members to be disloyal to their country.

Partly because it's difficult for diplomats to defend themselves, they are considered fair-game for every right-wing Senator who wants to make headlines. The late Sen. Joe McCarthy, for instance, made the wild charge that there were 207 "card-carrying Communists" in the State Department. Subsequent investigation showed there were none.

Most recent charge against the State Department is that 150 security risks have been secreted inside its walls and are being protected by the career men. Personally, I don't believe it.

Most important rebuttal of this charge, however, is the very thorough survey made by the American Legion of all the State Department's operations. At the invitation of Secretary of State Dean Rusk, the Legion appointed former National Commander J. Preston Moore of Oklahoma City, together with John Edward Davis, former Governor of North Dakota, to head a committee of five to scrutinize the State Department. They found that it had some faults, and criticized the fact that the Department's building does not have the same system of

the Central Intelligence Agency.

But, on the main point of loyalty the Legion found:

"The Department is made up by and large of capable and dedicated public servants in whom the Nation can place much confidence... The personal attitude of these Department leaders towards communism is tough and realistic."

With this conclusion, I, who happen to be a member of the Legion, heartily concur.

*What did the Legion do this?*

The Washington Post and Times Herald C-19

The Washington Daily News

The Evening Star

New York Herald Tribune

New York Journal-American

New York Mirror

New York Daily News

New York Post

The New York Times

The Worker

The New Leader

The Wall Street Journal

The National Observer

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The DeLoach to Mohr Memo  
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November 10, 1964

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

*out*

Honorable Donald E. Johnson  
National Commander  
The American Legion - *NATIONAL*  
1608 K Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I was certainly delighted to meet you this morning, and I want to thank you for stopping by my office. Enclosed are copies of the photographs which were made during your visit.

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Sincerely yours,

✓  
J. Edgar Hoover



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1 - Mr. DeLoach

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J. Edgar Hoover  
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NOTE: Mr. Johnson, who was introduced to the Director by Assistant Director DeLoach, said he would greatly appreciate it if the Director could autograph one of these pictures to him.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. William F. Hauck  
Director  
Washington Office  
The American Legion - NAT. ON AL  
1608 K Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hauck:

It was indeed a pleasure to  
see you when you visited FBI Headquarters  
this morning. I thought you might like to  
have the enclosed photograph as a memento  
of the occasion.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

*Enclosure*

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

DATE: November 10, 1964

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DON JOHNSON, NATIONAL COMMANDER  
THE AMERICAN LEGION - NATCOMS  
WEST BRANCH, IOWA  
APPOINTMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR  
10:00 A.M., TUESDAY, 11-10-64

By appointment, National Commander Don Johnson met the Director at 10:00 a.m., 11-10-64. He was accompanied by William F. Hauck, Director of the Washington Office, The American Legion.

The Director expressed his appreciation to Commander Johnson for the cooperation given the FBI by The American Legion over the years. Commander Johnson reciprocated by expressing appreciation of the Legion for the great services rendered by the FBI. He stated he wanted the Director to let him know any time that he or the Legion could be of assistance.

The Director noted that Johnson came from West Branch, Iowa, the birthplace of the late President Herbert Hoover. The Director expressed his respect and admiration for the late President and briefly described a number of associations he had enjoyed in his long friendship with Mr. Herbert Hoover. Commander Johnson indicated he had attended the funeral of Mr. Hoover in West Branch, Iowa, and also that he had recently written an article entitled "The Herbert Clark Hoover That I Knew." This will appear in a forthcoming issue of The American Legion magazine.

The Director spoke of the Legion's influence in today's society and of the fact that the Legion should be alert in wielding this influence to promote better government. The Director spoke of various personalities in the three branches of government and indicated the necessity to promote cleaner conditions in the political world. He spoke of his friendship with Speaker John McCormick of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Senator Carl Hayden. The Director used these men as examples of good politicians. On the other hand, he spoke of Adam Clayton Powell and his background as a bad example. The Director quoted facts in this regard. The Director told Commander Johnson that it was absolutely necessary for honest individuals to engage in politics if conditions were to become better.

1 - Mr. Tolson // 2d 7.37  
1 - Miss Gandy  
1 - [redacted] 2  
1 - Mr. Jones 2  
1 - Mr. Morrell

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DeLoach to Mohr 11-10-64

Re: Don Johnson, National Commander, The American Legion,  
West Branch, Iowa, Appointment with the Director, 10:00 a.m., 11-10-64

The Director briefly spoke of the Supreme Court and of the constant disagreement among the Justices in making decisions. The Director also referred to Martin Luther King and of the deplorable fact that King has been awarded a Nobel Peace Prize. The Director briefly mentioned King's background. He also referred to Roy Wilkins. He mentioned that Wilkins was a respectable type individual attempting to do a good job. King, on the other hand, is a colossal liar who is "fronting" for the Negroes only to better himself. The Director mentioned examples in which King had specifically lied concerning the FBI, particularly the incident involving the claim that all Special Agents assigned to our Albany, Georgia, Resident Agency were Southern born, reared and educated men.

The Director briefly described the meeting in his office with the Negro "Freedom Now" Movement involving [redacted] the attorney from New York.

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The Director went into the matter involving police review boards and indicated that his report to the President on rioting clearly reflected the undesirability of such boards. The Director also mentioned that the December, 1964, issue of the Law Enforcement Bulletin would contain an introduction by him which would be hard-hitting with respect to police review boards.

National Commander Johnson issued a most cordial invitation for the Director to visit West Branch, Iowa, and the Hoover Library any time the Director's travels took him within that vicinity. The Director stated he would be very pleased to visit the Hoover Library in the event he happened to be in Iowa at any time in the future.

National Commander Johnson also extended an invitation for the Director to address The American Legion Convention on August 24, 1965, in Portland, Oregon. This is to be the keynote address. The Director indicated he would give the matter considerable thought and would let the Commander know of his decision. Commander Johnson stated he realized that August 24, 1965, was a long time off, however, the entire American Legion would deeply appreciate the Director's appearing again as principal speaker.

Commander Johnson and Mr. Hauck departed the Director's Office at 11:00 a.m., after pictures were taken with the Director. Commander Johnson specifically indicated his great pleasure at meeting the Director and summed up the entire meeting with the statement, "Mr. Hoover is everything he's said to be. I could listen to him all day long." Commander Johnson asked that the Director consider personally autographing one of the pictures taken in his office to him.

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The American Legion  
McCall, Idaho

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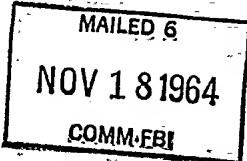
Dear [REDACTED]:

Your letter of November 13th has been received, and I want you to know how much I appreciate the very kind sentiments you expressed.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of "What Young People Should Know About Communism." For your information, large quantities of this article are available free of charge upon request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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13 November 1964.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

REF: Res. #300, Passed by Nat'l Amer.  
Convention at Dallas, Tex., 1964.  
"Quote" Urges circulation by Legion  
Posts of FBI pamphlet "What young  
people should know about Communism".  
"Unquote".

Dear SirL

We would appreciate very much obtaining a copy of reference pamphlet, with the view of later, getting sufficient copies to place in our High School Library. Details of distribution would naturally have to be worked out between our Post and High School Officials. Would appreciate very much the following details: availability of pamphlets, cost and etc.

And now I would like to inject a personal note. Too many times we leave, until one is dead, spoken appreciation of ones great service to his Country. In the name of the above Post of the American Legion, I want to tell you of the great regard we have for you for your great service to our Country over a long period of years, and of the high esteem we hold for your Bureau.

Respectfully yours,

[Redacted]  
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November 17, 1964

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Honorable Donald E. Johnson  
National Commander  
The American Legion  
700 North Pennsylvania Street  
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I received your letter of November 10th and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as well as for your kind sentiments. You may be sure I enjoyed seeing you on the occasion of your visit to our headquarters.

I certainly appreciate your interest in having me deliver the keynote address at your National Convention in August, 1965, and do wish it were possible to be with you. To this end I have very carefully examined my schedule with the hope I might be able to rearrange it so that I could accept your invitation. I find, however, that I am unable to make the necessary adjustments, and it is with deep regret that I must decline. I am sure you will understand and hope you will have a very productive and successful Convention.

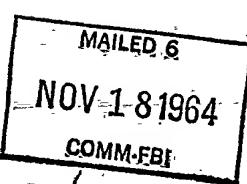
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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THE NATIONAL COMMANDER  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 10, 1964

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I should like to express my thanks to you for taking time from your busy schedule to receive us in your office this morning. I enjoyed our visit immensely and was most interested in the topics of our discussion.

I should, also, like to reiterate my verbal invitation to you to deliver the keynote address at our National Convention in Portland, Oregon on August 24, 1964. We would be honored to have you with us on that occasion, and hope that your schedule will permit you to accept our most cordial invitation.

With deep appreciation for your gracious hospitality,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

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*Donald E. Johnson*  
DONALD E. JOHNSON

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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December 8, 1964

Honorable Donald E. Johnson  
National Commander  
The American Legion  
700 North Pennsylvania Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Mr. DeLoach has advised me of your telephone call yesterday in which you offered your unqualified assistance in defending me and this Bureau against the vicious smear attacks we are presently undergoing. I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity in this respect and if anything comes to mind you may be sure that we will get in touch with you.

Through the years, The American Legion has been one of our staunchest supporters and we in turn try to reciprocate in every way possible. I think that both our organizations are sincerely dedicated to the betterment of our great Nation and that mutual cooperation will contribute immeasurably to achieving our common goal.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)  
1 - Mr. Morrell (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo of 12-7-64 captioned "Donald E. Johnson, National Commander, The American Legion."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-7-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DONALD E. JOHNSON  
NATIONAL COMMANDER  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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On the afternoon of December 7, 1964, captioned individual called you (Mr. DeLoach) and stated he was very concerned and disturbed about the critical editorials and news stories appearing in various papers throughout the country regarding the Director and the Bureau particularly in regard to the Martin Luther King controversy. Johnson stated he was just calling to assure us that he and the Legion are solidly in our corner and he said he would be glad to do anything in his power to defend the Director and the Bureau against these vicious attacks from the speaking platform, in articles, or any other way we thought he might be able to be of assistance. Basically, he offered the unqualified support of himself and the Legion in any way possible.

You thanked Johnson and expressed appreciation in behalf of the Director for his concern and his generous offer to be of assistance and assured him that if anything came to mind wherein he or the Legion might be able to help that we would get in touch with him.

As you know, Johnson was elected National Commander at the last National Convention in Dallas, Texas. He is a very solid citizen and is very pro-Director and FBI. He met the Director on November 10, 1964, and at that time offered to assist the Director and the Bureau in any way possible.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be forwarded to Johnson thanking him for his offer to be of assistance to the Bureau.

Enclosure *sent 12-8-64*

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure *2*  
1 - Mr. Morrell - Enclosure *3*

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CRIME RESEARCH

January 4, 1965

Honorable Donald E. Johnson  
National Commander  
The American Legion *National*  
700 North Pennsylvania Street  
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

D/C

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed is a copy of the January, 1965, issue  
of "The Investigator," the employee publication of the FBI, which  
I thought you might like to have. It carries on page 32 the photo-  
graph which was taken in my office during your visit to FBI  
Headquarters.

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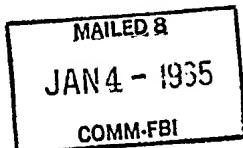
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure



NOTE: Mr. Johnson is the National Commander of The American Legion and is  
on the SCL.

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The Acting Attorney General  
REC- 56 94-1-17998-1787  
Director, FBI

January 11, 1965

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT  
JOINT RESOLUTION DRAFT

Reference is made to the memorandum from the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Legislative and Legal Section, dated December 31, 1964, which enclosed a copy of a draft of a Joint Resolution relating to the promulgation of special regulations for the period of The American Legion National Convention of 1966, which will be held in Washington, D. C.

The regulations in the Joint Resolution draft relating to law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia during the Convention do not directly concern the FBI, since the Metropolitan Police Department will handle most of the special problems encountered. Therefore, we have no information to offer as to the merits of the Joint Resolution.

Specific action will be taken by the FBI during the Convention to insure that Federal violations over which we have jurisdiction are promptly reported.

In accordance with your request, the copy of the draft of the Joint Resolution which you enclosed is being returned herewith.

Enclosure:

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COMM-FBI

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Rosen

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NOTE: A copy of the draft of the Joint Resolution was furnished to the Bureau by the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Legislative and Legal Section, with a request for our views on the merits of the document. The Resolution was prepared by the D. C. Commissioners for the consideration of Congress. It authorizes the Commissioners to take certain actions with regard to traffic, local law enforcement, issuance of licenses, etc., during The American Legion Convention in Washington, D. C., January 25-26 through 9-3-66.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 25, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: FILM ON COMMUNISM  
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[redacted] who has served as a representative of several congressional committees within the past several years, recently contacted DeLoach and told him that the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) had commissioned him to do a film regarding communism. He stated he would like to have the FBI's endorsement regarding this film. He added that he knew DeLoach was Department Commander of The American Legion and that he also desired the Legion's endorsement of the film. [redacted] was advised of the FBI's policies on non-endorsement of matters of this nature.

As a matter of record, the department staff of The American Legion viewed the film in question and found it to be quite poorly prepared. The language was sketchy, the plot of the film surrounded a current-day school teacher asking Bella Dodd and Frank McNamara, Director of Americanism, VFW, questions concerning communism, the film was completely colorless, and, although of possible interest to professional anticommunists and small American Legion and VFW groups, it would be of no interest whatsoever to the FBI. The film has been returned to [redacted].

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For record purposes.

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